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SEPARATE ENTITY TO MONITOR ELECTRICITY FLOW
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to have a separate entity to monitor electricity flow from the National Electricity Transmission Utility to the States;

(b) if so, the way in which the proposed scheme is likely to ensure grid discipline and to check the threat of major blackouts;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with the State Governments about the proposed scheme; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme finalised in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : At present, the five regional power grids in the country are being monitored round the clock on real time basis by Regional Load Despatch Centres(RLDCs).The monitoring at State level is done by the State Load Despatch Centres(SLDCs).Central Transmission Utility, POWERGRID has completed its state-of-the-artUnified Load Despatch and Communication (ULDC) facilities in Northern and Southern Regions. Similar facilities are under implementation in Eastern, North-Eastern andWestern Regions also. The ULDCs for the country would be completed by February,2005. The ULDC schemes will ensure improved system security, reliability and avoidance/minimization of grid disturbances/failures and quick restoration during grid disturbance/failure.

The Electricity Bill, 2001 envisages creation of a National Load DespatchCentre for optimum scheduling and despatch of electricity among the Regional Load Despatch Centres. The details of this National Load Despatch Centre are being workedout in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority, the Central Transmission Utility (i.e. POWERGRID) and the Regional Electricity Boards.